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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6169

BILL NUMBER: SB 356

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 25, 2008

BILL AMENDED: Jan 24, 2008

SUBJECT: Possession of Handguns on Public Property.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Nugent

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: CR Adopted - 1st House

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
X DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: (Amended) The bill provides that a person who possesses a valid Indiana license to carry a handgun may not be prohibited from possessing a handgun: (1) on land that is; or (2) in buildings and other structures that are; owned or leased by the state or a political subdivision of the state. It also provides exceptions for airports, courthouses, and penal facilities.

Effective Date: July 1, 2008.

Explanation of State Expenditures: Between 2002 and 2006, state correctional facility admissions data indicate that one offender was committed to state prisons for possessing a firearm on school property or a school bus, a Class D felony. There are no data available to indicate if the person possessed a valid license which would provide an exemption to the felony offense under the bill. Based on these data, the bill would have very minimal fiscal impact on the cost of incarceration.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues: There are no data available to indicate on a statewide basis how many offenders are convicted of ordinance violations for possessing a firearm with a valid license on local unit land, buildings, or other real property.

State Agencies Affected:

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources:

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